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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Introduced By: Senators Walaska, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: January 29, 2014

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4-1-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 4-1 entitled "Cruelty to  
2 Animals" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **4-1-7. Live poultry containers.** – (a) Any crate or other container used for the purpose  
4 of transporting, shipping, or holding for sale any live poultry shall be in a sanitary condition and  
5 shall be constructed so as to provide sufficient ventilation and warmth and the poultry, while in  
6 that container, shall receive any reasonable care as may be required to prevent unnecessary  
7 suffering. Any person violating any provision of this section shall, for each offense, be  
8 imprisoned not exceeding fifteen (15) days or be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100),  
9 or both.

10 (b) Battery cages used for the purpose of egg-laying hens shall be prohibited. Any person  
11 violating this provision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and imprisoned up to one year or fined  
12 one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1 This act would ban battery cages during farming of chickens.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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